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TAGS: PFOR CM GE

SUBJECT: CAMEROON AND EAST GERMANY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES AT  
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL

1. ON 21 JULY GURC ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL EFFECTIVE  
IMMEDIATELY. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PRESIDENCY SAID MOVE INTENDED  
DEVELOP RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES  
AND "BASED ON AIMS AND PRINCIPLES UNITED NATIONS CHARTER."

2. COMMENT: RECOGNITION GDR NO SURPRISE AND RIGHT DOWN ALLEY  
OF AHIDJO NON-ALIGNMENT CONCEPT. DECISION MADE IN PRINCIPLE  
SOME MONTHS AGO AND FORECAST BY AHIDJO IN FEBRUARY 1973 PRESS  
CONFERENCE. REPLYING QUERY BY TASS CORRESPONDENT, AHIDJO SAID  
AT THAT TIME CAMEROON "PREPARED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH  
THE GDR" (YAOUNDE 0498). LACK OF ANY HASTE IN RECOGNITION  
MAY BE INTENDED REFLECT CAMEROONIAN IRRITATION OVER SUBSTANTIAL  
NUMBER DISSIDENT CAMEROONIANS LIVING EAST GERMANY WITH TACIT  
APPROVAL AND SUPPORT GDR REGIME. SEEMS POSSIBLE EAST GERMANS  
HAVE TAKEN SOME INITIATIVE TO BREAK LOGJAM AND BRING ANNOUNCE-  
MENT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. IN CONTRAST ALBANIA, RECOGNITION  
MAY WELL ENTAIL ESTABLISHMENT EMBASSIES BOTH CAPITALS. GURC  
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APT SEE NET ADVANTAGE IN CAPACITY THIS WOULD AFFORT

TO MONITOR AND PERSHPS NEUTRALIZE SOME CAMEROONIAN DISSIDENTS.  
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